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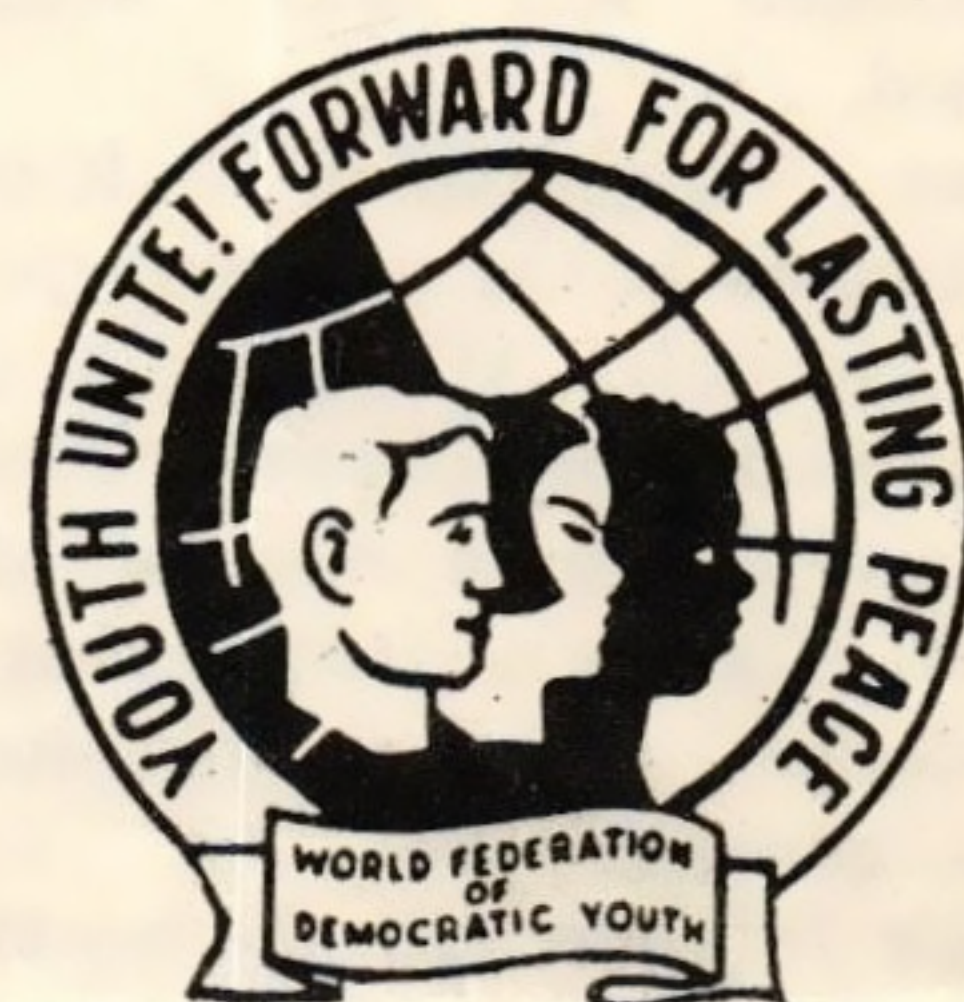
THE 1st NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IGD 14-18 MAY 1978

The first National General Assembly of IGD will be held in 14-18 May 1978. In more than two years after the establishment in 1st of January 1976, IGD mobilized great masses of youth and students against imperialism and fascism for national independence, for peace and social progress. These years have not passed easily. Terror, crimes and attacks of the fascist SS troops of

the Nationalist Movement Party have been rising during the reactionary fascist Nationalist Front Government and did not stop in the recently formed social democratic government. 21 IGD members were killed by the fascists. Hundreds of members are arrested, tortured. But in spite of terror and crimes, in spite of the anti-democratic repression on IGD, the aspirations of the youth and students of Turkey for a better future, for peace and progress could not be stopped. Beginning with 200 members, today IGD has reached to a number of 30 000, in all over Turkey in 43 units. In spite of the unfavourable conditions IGD has developed. Because IGD expresses the interest, aspirations of the Turkish youth and students, and the principles of IGD are the principles of the working class, of its outstanding science shining all over the world.

The Turkish youth learned the meaning of international solidarity, and anti-imperialist struggle in all the continents of the world from IGD. The Turkish youth has acquainted with international youth and student organizations like IUS and WFDY by the way of IGD newspapers and bulletins. Today, IGD, member of WFDY wages a struggle for the realization of the unity of the Turkish youth against imperialism and fascism in the country and against all kinds of reaction, colonialism, neocolonialism, apartheid and racism in the world for peace and progress.

The first National General Assembly of IGD is an important turning point in the process of the development of IGD. By this means the members will find the opportunity to express their feeling and have a wide base for discussions that will help the development of IGD in every town, in every city. The oppressing classes trying to put obstacles for the congress will not be successful in their aims and the Assembly will be realized in spite of all repressions.



IGD in May Day demonstrations



One of the assemblies of the local units

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President of İGD delivering his speech.

10th General assembly of WFDY was held in Berlin, capital GDR, between February 22-March 1. The international unity of the youth against imperialism was once more stressed.

Our organisation İGD participated in the works of the 10th assembly. Although it's a young youth organisation, İGD was accepted as a member of WFDY. There's no doubt that, this decision which we attribute as a concrete proof of our struggle to unite with the world youth for the common aims, will strengthen the struggle of the progressive and patriotic youth of Turkey.

The president of İGD, Ahmet Muhtar Sökücü, delivered a speech in the plenary session of the 10th assembly.

Dear Friends,

Before I begin my speech I would like to convey the militant solidarity greetings of progressive-patriotic youth of Turkey, to all the participants of the 10th General Assembly of WFDY. With the same feelings we greet Free German Youth-FDJ—host organisation of such an important event, that no doubt will constitute a step forward for the further consolidation of anti-imperialist solidarity of youth, for peace and friendship...

The establishment and the rapid development of İGD coincides the period between the 9th and 10th Assemblies of WFDY, the years that our planet witnessed positive changes in the

international situation, the progress of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism forces reaching to giant dimensions which are guaranteed with the achievement of Soviet Union and socialist countries, with the victories of national liberation movements and with the successes of democratic forces in the capitalist countries.

Beginning from the very early days of our organisation the activities and the action program of WFDY took an important role in the life of our youth. The life itself, soon proved that the noble goals of the World Federation of Democratic Youth satisfy the will and aspiration of youth of our country. İGD will consistently struggle in the ranks of WFDY for anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship, and on every occasion will stand for further strengthening of democratic youth movement. The many-sided development of our international relations is a single proof of this fact.

Dear Friends,

Disarmament, the vital problem of our epoch stands in front of us which needs concrete measures to be taken. Youth, particularly concerned about finding a solution will help a lot for the rapid development of newly independent countries, create possibilities for the development of education, culture and sciences, for the welfare of the peoples and the youth, for eradicating the illiteracy and hunger from human life. The Budapest Conference of European youth and students on disarmament which is a consequence of fruitful cooperation between European youth and student organisations

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has been wellcomed by broad masses young Turkish people. We are ready to give our hands to every initiatives taken to fulfill the tasks as a result of the final documents of Budapest Conference.

A special attention should be paid to the struggle for national independence taking into consideration its close links to the struggle waged for disarmament. The youth of our country consistently struggle against imperialism and its aggressive organisation NATO, against United States bases and foreign dominated monopolies for national independence of Turkey. A high percent of the National Budget being spent for the NATO expenses which is imposed upon our people. The arms race reaches to giant and dangerous dimensions which is our which is sighted by imperialist circles for their interest in our region.

Progressive youth of Turkey stands against United States imperialism and their military and economic pressure in our region, which is in the care of existing conflicts in East Mediterranean and constitute an obstacle for lasting and just peace.

The situation of Cyprus is a consequence of the plans of imperialist powers to liquidate the state and territorial integrity of Cyprus and to transform the island into a military strategic base of NATO. We fully support the struggle waged for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and non-alignment of Cyprus, for the immediate implementation of United Nations resolutions and bringing the problem to an international conference.

LIVE WFDY

The actions against the production of the Neutron Bomb by militarist circles of United States reached to world wide scale. Taking into account the vitality of the problem further intensification of this world-wide protest and joint actions against Neutron Bomb ought to be supported and encouraged. Mass meetings demonstrations, singnature campaigns were held by IGD and in front of all United States buildings in Turkey black wreath placed, accusing and charging imperialism because they threaten the existance of human beings.

Dear Friends,

After the Nationalist Front coalition has collapsed the new people and arouse the struggle of Turkish youth. during this coalition our people and youth have witnessed the most violent oppression of its history. The attacks by neo-fascist groups on progressive and patriotic forces caused more than 500 progressives to loose their lives. Within this amount there are 21 IGD members. These attack still go on, insighted by reactionary forces that doesn't to loose their positions...

After the positive changes took place in Greece, Portugal and Spain Turkey stays the only country of European continent where the party of the working class is banned, for 55 years. The legalization of the party of the working class of Turkey will no doubt create more favorable conditions for Turkish people and youth in their struggle for peace and independence.

Dear Friends,

The struggle for youth's rights, against youth unemployment for democracy and social progress

has gained importance in the past period as a consequence of severe economic, moral, political and social crises which effect the capitalist countries and as well developing countries. The achievements reached by the peoples, youth of socialist countries for youth's rights by constituting concrete examples in front of us and illuminates the ranter of broad masses of young people.

The recent changes have proved that alot of new possibilities ewist to develop and deepen the youth and students cooparation and different issues and levels, on the basis of common interest for lasting peace, security and cooperation. The Final Act of the conference on Europe Security and Cooperation in Helsinki constitutes a palitical basis for further developing the cooperation.

Dear Friends,

Anti-imperialist solidarity turned into a powerful weapon in the hands of the peoples struggling against all forms of exploatations. The progressive youth of Turkey, under every circumstances, shared the honour of carrying dhe banner of international solidarity high common sign from the point that solidarity must be shown concretely irrespective of the conditions...

We'll further intensity our solidarity with the people and youth of Chile who are fighting against the dictatorship supported by imperiaist circles. We announce our full support to the peoples of South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe for their liberation, against the reactionary, oppressive, racist

and apartheid regions. Any approach to the Palestenian question that remains as the real cause of Middle East conflict, without the participation of PLO the legimate representative of Palestanian people is destined to fail.

With the same approach we announce of solidarity with the peoples and youths struggling against imperialism, fascism, neo-fascism, colonialism, zionism. The enthusiasm of the coming festival of youth and students, that will take place 80 miles far from the imperialism in the socialist Cuba has covered Turkish youth. The national Preperatory Committee has been established with the participation of various youth and student organisations representing different political tendencies. IGD took on active part in the establishmert o NPC' Our youth with all its efforts preparing for the festival. In order to take active part in this great event, in this unique manifestation of anti-imperialist solidarity peace and friendship, that mobilize millions of young people all over the world. We cordially greet the efforts of Communaist Youth Union of Cuba and Cuban people, creating the best conditions forthe successfully holding of the festival.

Stressing once more our firm belief that international solidarity of peoples and youth will overcome all means of the oppression and the exploitation

Long live anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship.

Forward for the 11th Festival of World Youth and Students.

Long live the World Federation of Democratic Youth.



Wide actions took place on Feb. 24, a black wreath placed in front of USA consulate, students marched through the streets.



Reflections of the actions in Turkish Press.



Fascist Quarters Must Be Closed!.

On 16th March five progressive students were killed by fascists. While students getting out from university fascists assailed them with bombs, then shot them with automatic guns. At result of this event five students were killed and more then eighty students were wounded. Latter one of wounded students died. Following day democratic youth organisations arranged a protest demonstration with participate of

more than forty-thousands bodies. İGD took part actively in this action.

Confederation of Progressive Trade-Unions of-Turkey decided to strike for three hours all over the country, to protest the massacre of students.

NO TO THE NEUTRON BOMB

The appeal of İUS for the protest actions against the Neutron bomb on February 24 was replied by the Student Section of İGD in Turkey. Thousands of students participated in the series of actions against the Neutron Bomb in all cities and towns of Turkey where there are İGD units.

In İstanbul on the 24 th of February 1978 a group of students from İGD placed a black wreath in front of USA Consulate written "No to the Neutron Bomb". Then, a press conference held in front of the Consulate.

After the press conference, the first demonstration was realized in Cağaloğlu, the press center of İstanbul. There a USA flag and a model of Neutron Bomb was burnt by the students. During the demonstrations, the students yelled slogans "No to the Neutron Bomb" "Long Live International Solidarity of the Students of the World." "Long Live International Solidarity of Students of the World." "Long Live İUS". Afterwards, thousands of students marched through the streets meeting in Karaköy Square, one of the biggest squares of İstanbul. Then they put posters writing "No To The Neutron Bomb" Principles of the Helsinki Final Act must be implemented".

In Ankara, capital of Turkey, a model of the Neutron Bomb was burnt.

In İzmir, one of the biggest cities of Western part of Turkey, students of Medicine Faculty occupied the school.

In Eskişehir, in the middle of Anatolia the students, gathering in the theatres protested the neutron bomb.

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